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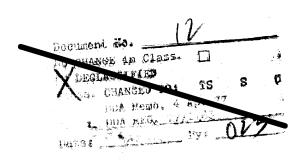
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- 1. In January 1948 information was received that the Ecuadoran Ministry of National Defense was negotiating a purchase of arms from Czechoslovakia. Press reports in May revealed that a large quantity of pistols and automatic weapons destined for Ecuador were seized in Rotterdam because shipment had been made without the proper permits.
- 2. It has since been learned that the Ecuadoran Minister of National Defense arranged for a second shipment to be made via a different route. The second cargo, shipped from a Mediterranean port to Guayaquil, arrived in Ecuador in August 1948 and contained 1,000 pistols bearing the mark "Cal. 30, Ceska Zbrojovka Narodni Podnik Strakonice". This transaction was handled in Quito by Roberto Bartus, a Czech merchant, and by the Czechoslovak Consul.



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